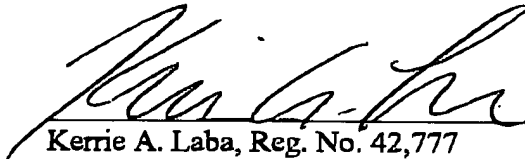


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1999P07769US01**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 and 20-42 remain in the application including independent claims 1, 15, and 18.

In a previous amendment, Applicant cancelled claim 19. Claims 20 and 32 have now been amended to correct their respective dependencies.

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Claims**(Version With Markings to Show Changes Made)**

20. (Amended) A method as set forth in claim [19] 20 wherein step (e) includes the step of modifying the output signal to disable the occupant restraint system when either the negative occupant presence signal, the negative child seat signal, or the negative seat belt usage signal is generated.

32. (Amended) A method as set forth in claim [19] 20 wherein step (a) is performed prior to step (b).